Statement-II

Development of Marine Fisheries-Details of funds released during the last 3 years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	2001-02	2002-03**	2003-04
1.	Andhra Pradesh	20.00	--	--
2.	Gujarat	306.51	--	6.94
3.	Goa	15.45	--	--
4.	Karnataka	133 00	--	5.00
5.	Kerala	20.00	--	--
6.	Maharashtra	169.94	--	--
7	Orissa	16.00	--	50.00
8.	Tamil Nadu	114.34	--	38.06
9	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	13.47	--	--
10.	Lakshadweep	2.50	--	--
11	Daman & Diu	19.00	--	--

**Scheme was not in operation

Central Delegation to assess drought situation in states

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent central delegation to the different States to assess the effect of drought there;

(b) if so, the names of the States visited by the said delegation alongwith the dates of their visits, separately;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) the report submitted by the delegation on drought in each of the States;

(d) the names of the States to whom assistance in form of relief has been provided by Government to tackle the problem of drought so far, alongwith the nature of the relief provided; and

(e) the shortfall in the kharif crop estimated to be in each of the States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (e) During South-West Monsoon 2004, a number of States remained in serious deficits till 28th July (1.6.2004 to 28.7.2004), when the cumulative deficit for the country as a whole was-15%. After that date, there has been a general revival and the country-wide deficit came down to—10% on 4th August to—7% on 11th August. Considerable improvement occurred in many of the above areas. This revival has caused an upsurge in sowing and a general improvement of agricultural prospects As kharif sowing is still in progress, it will be premature, at this stage, to estimate reduction in kharif production or to identify areas, which show definite signs of drought.

In July, Agriculture Secretary visited Gujarat, Maharashtra and Rajasthan for a preliminary assessment of the situation only. Interim demands sent by some States need review in view of changed situation, and the States concerned have been requested to do so.

To enable States to have ready availability of funds at the earliest, to deal with any untoward eventuality, Rs. 472.93 crores have been released in advance from the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Rs. 25.84 crores from CRF have been recommended for release in advance to Jharkhand. Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh have also been allocated 1 lakh and 0.50 lakh MTs of foodgrains respectively to initiate relief employment if necessary. Railways are transporting water, free of cost, to the affected towns in Rajasthan.

Central Government is in touch with the States to be prepared for any eventuality. The situation is being closely and constantly monitored.